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## COUNTY NEWS

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### Newport

News came to Newport from Waldport Sunday morning that Esther Mitchell Berry, wife of James K. Berry, was dead. The investigation of the coroner's jury showed the following facts: On Saturday evening at the Berry home, about 6:30 the family, consisting of James Berry, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Cora Hartley and Kenneth Berry the eight year old son of Mr. Berry, were at the table. There was nothing unusual occurred in the family. Mrs. Berry was cheerful and apparently happy. After supper Mr. Berry went down to town, and Mrs. Berry helped with the dishes and also helped to dress a couple of chickens for dinner the next day. At 9:30 Mrs. Berry went to her bedroom up stairs and about 11 o'clock Mrs. Hartley heard a noise up stairs as though someone was in distress. She went up stairs and found Mrs. Berry lying on the bed under the covers and in her night clothes, in a spasm. Mrs. Hartley asked what she could do for her and Mrs. Berry said, "Nothing." Mrs. Hartley then tried to turn her on her side and Mrs. Berry said, "You hurt me; let me go," and immediately expired. The coroner's jury found the body rigid, the arms drawn up on the breast and the fingers clenched; lower limbs extended and rigid; eyes, pupils contracted and glaring; body warm, face and hands red. On the stand table two feet from the bed, with a lamp burning on it, was found an empty bottle that had contained one dram (60 grains) of strychnine with the cork out. A glass with some undissolved crystals of strychnine in it and it appeared as though water had been used to dissolve the strychnine. It was evident from the condition of the body and the empty bottle of strychnine on the table that Mrs. Berry had coolly and calmly planned to take her own life. It could not be ascertained where she got the poison or how much was in the bottle. Strychnine is a very fatal poison, is quickly absorbed and if taken in sufficient quantity the respiratory muscles are paralyzed and death occurs in a very short time. In strychnine poisoning the muscles twitch, the limbs jerk, violent convulsions set in, the limbs are rigid and death soon occurs. Mrs. Hartley gave the alarm and soon Mrs. O. V. Hurt came and other neighbors and friends, after Mrs. Berry had passed away. Mrs. Berry was paroled from the Steilacoom Asylum several years ago and placed in care of O. V. Hurt, who was appointed her guardian. While in his care she was treated as one of the family everything being done to make her feel at home and happy. She was a woman of nervous sanguine temperament, of refined, retiring disposition had had a very impressive temperament. She was 26 years old last January. On recommendation of a physician the parole was removed and about two and a half months ago Miss Mitchell was married in Newport to James K. Berry and they afterwards went to Waldport to make their home. Within the last few months Mrs. Berry complained of feeling ill and it was noticed by her friends that she was failing in health and losing flesh. The funeral services were held at the home of the deceased, conducted by Rev. Cook, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Waldport, and the interment took place at the Fern Ridge Cemetery. Many beautiful floral offerings were placed upon her grave by friends and many tears were shed by those who knew her best. She is survived by two brothers, Perry Mitchell, who lives at Ocean View, a brother in Portland, and a sister, Mrs. Dana Starr, who also lives at Ocean View, and her husband.

On last Saturday G. W. Pearmine, with five or six other persons, while crossing Schooner creek, near the mouth of Siletz river, in a boat, fell dead. It seems he was paddling the boat with a board and without warning fell down in the boat and expired instantly. He was standing up when the attack took him. The body was brought to Newport Saturday night by a friend and neighbor W. W. Beardsley. The body was embalmed and sent out Sunday evening to be buried at Salem. Mr. Pearmine was a well to do farmer, who had lived near

Salem for many years. He with his family had made it a practice for ten or fifteen years to come to Newport for their outing. This time he went to the Salmon River country and the mouth of Siletz. He was 65 years old and a man of vigorous constitution. The cause of death is very obscure. It may have been heart failure or a stroke of apoplexy. He is survived by a wife, four daughters and two sons.

Last Sunday evening while Leslie Martin, the barber, was crossing the street in front of the Abbey, he was struck by an auto running at high speed, and knocked some 25 or 30 feet. His hip, arm and side were very badly bruised and injured. The speed limit ought to be lowered for autos running in town.

The travel to Newport is increasing right along both by train and automobile. Saturday and Sunday trains brought over twelve hundred people to Newport. The city is filling up, still the accommodations are ample. During Court week most of the lawyers spend their evenings at Newport.

President Wilson tells the American people to keep cool. If they will come to Newport they can keep cool without any trouble.

### Ona

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cox of Portland are calling on old friends in this neighborhood this week.

Enos Myers and family of Portland are enjoying a short vacation at the L. M. Commons ranch.

George Selby and J. A. Covert are at Toledo attending Court.

The hot, dry weather continues and as having is about all done, a little rain would be very acceptable. Three fishermen, foot-sore and dusty dropped down on Beaver creek from somewhere Monday evening, and were more than glad to give up a reasonable amount of coin for a team to take them to Poole slough where they could make connections with their rowboat for Newport.

Nearly everyone is taking advantage of the dry weather to burn brush and logs.

### Harlan

Dr. Paul was a Toledo visitor last week.

R. P. McClelland, J. L. Cameron and Mr. Wyatt came over from Philonth in Mr. McClelland's auto. Mr. Cameron, who formerly lived here, is located in Oregon City.

Smith Allison returned from Turner last week.

Mrs. P. H. Martin went to Corvallis to have some dental work done last week.

Leonard Grant returned from Toledo Saturday where he had been on business.

Joe Frady has gone to Toledo to attend Court as a jurymen.

The farmers in this vicinity have their hay about all in and are now binding their grain.

Edd Allen is taking a vacation and Mr. Custer is driving stage in his place.

Some people passing through to Newport shot Messrs. Thompson and Overlander's pet deer, which was in their pasture grazing with their cattle. This deer had come to their place last Winter and not being molested became quite tame and was an object of interest to everyone. It is to be hoped they will succeed in having the parties punished who shot it.

Wm. Mulkey was a Toledo visitor last week.

G. F. Kinney sold his hay crop to R. P. McClelland.

### Upper Beaver

Mrs. Adolph Peterson went to Waldport Saturday morning and spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Fanny McKinney of Waldport and Mrs. J. C. Barnes of Bay View.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bowers and Mrs. G. E. Lewis spent Sunday at Newport.

Mrs. Dora Huntsucker and sons, Henry, Gordon and Eugene Emerson, attended the dance given at

M. G. Shermer's at Oysterville Saturday night.

K. D. Martin went to Toledo Sunday evening to remain during Court. Archie Zeek will "run" the ranch during his absence.

T. Huntsucker made a business trip to Yaquina Tuesday.

Mrs. Arthur Cox of Portland is visiting at the Bowers ranch. She will return home in a few days, accompanied by her little daughter, Alma, who has spent some time here.

Fritz Fallman delivered a load of eggs to the Newport market Friday.

### Chitwood

Mrs. Anna Hurt came up from Toledo one day last week and spent a few days visiting friends. She returned to Toledo Friday.

Mrs. Nora Irwin came in from Albany and is spending a few days visiting with her mother, Mrs. Emma Wood.

George T. Smith spent Sunday at Newport.

Miss Laura Cordell came down from Eddyville Saturday and is spending this week visiting friends near here.

Titus Kutchanov, Jr., made a trip to Newport Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wilson came up from Toledo Tuesday evening, returning Wednesday.

### Glen

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Powell returned to their home in Salem last Friday after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore.

Miss Edith and Jesse Davenport of this place and Miss Bessie Grant and Smith Allison of Harlan spent Saturday night and Sunday on Table Mountain.

A party of young men from Toledo spent Sunday on Drift creek.

Mrs. T. L. Bohannon spent Sunday with Mrs. C. W. Brown.

Miss Edith Davenport spent the latter part of last week with Miss Bessie Grant at Harlan.

Mrs. W. R. Moore, Mrs. Birdie Wiley, Misses Jessie Brown and Clara Moore and Messrs. Asa Brown, Lige Grant, Alva Moore and Everett Brown spent Sunday on Table Mountain. All reported a dandy time.

Miss Bessie Grant of Harlan spent the first of the week with Miss Edith Davenport.

### Elk City and Big Elk

A party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Slucom last Thursday evening, in honor of the fifty-fourth birthday of Mr. Slucom, also Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Thompson's wedding anniversary. Thirty nine guests were present. The night was spent in playing games and music, and at midnight supper was served, which all did ample justice to. All present had a jolly, good time. About 4:30 coffee and cake was served, after which the happy crowd departed for their homes wishing for many more such pleasant times. Those present from Eddyville were Mrs. Lehn, Leah Rutledge, Ell and Maud Albertson, Roy and Anna Mauch, Roger Loudon, Clara McBride, Carl Lehn, Sam Edwards and Violet Damon.

The M. E. quarterly meeting which was held at Eddyville was well attended. Rev. Abbet had charge of the service, which was very interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Thompson were the guests of Miss Leah Rutledge Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Marie Slucom spent Sunday with Ella Albertson.

### Bayview

Andrew Simonson left Thursday morning for Albany.

Miss Joale Oakland, who has spent the last year in Portland, returned home Saturday for a month's visit.

Elmer Simonson took the Misses Emma Simonson and Susie Yocom to Yaquina Tuesday. Miss Yocom is going to Medford to visit her sister and Miss Simonson is going to Portland for medical treatment.

Mrs. Walter Kent left Friday for Tillamook to join her husband, who went there several months ago.

Mrs. Hickman and Miss Jessie Smith left Saturday for the Valley.

The schooner Enterprise arrived at Bay View August 3, at 8:30 p. m., with a cargo of fifteen tons of flour and feed and a ton of other freight for J. C. Barnes & Co. The Enterprise is the largest boat that has ever tied at the Bay View docks and we are very glad to welcome her to our little berg. We extend our heartiest congratulations to Capt. Cassidy in his first and most successful trip to Bay View. John Ludeman acted as pilot, and, although the trip was made after dark, they had no trouble in finding the channel. Soundings shows 12 feet of water in front of the docks at low water, and when Capt. Cassidy becomes familiar with the channel it will be an easy matter for him to unload freight for Bay View at our home docks.

The dance at E. E. Dyers Saturday was well attended and every one expressed themselves as having a most enjoyable time. Those attending from Beaver creek were, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Weber, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lissy, Mrs. Grace Burroughs, Mrs. Fred Ryan, and Chester Ryan. We hope they will not make this their last visit and will endeavor to show them a good time whenever they come.

Leslie Evens of Waldport is a Toledo visitor this week.

Jesse Whitford of Elk City was a Toledo visitor Tuesday.

Wm. Scuth is down from his Big Elk ranch attending Court.

Peter Beyer, our popular creamery man, is a Portland visitor this week.

A. B. Clark and grandson, A. E. Allen, were down from Elk City Tuesday.

R. L. McFarland of Summit had business in the county seat Tuesday evening.

Chas. Welch and wife returned Sunday from an auto trip to Carrols, Washington.

Mrs. T. P. Fish has been on the sick list the past week, but is much better at present.

E. T. Raddant and daughter, Miss Esie, of Upper Farm were in the city Monday morning.

Merchant Wm. Dodson of Taft returned Wednesday evening from a business trip to Portland.

Mrs. Hugh Corgan came over from the Valley Saturday evening, returning Tuesday morning.

Miss Blanche Jeffreys came over from Corvallis last Friday evening for a visit with friends in this city.

Miss Queen Lynn and Miss Julia Sawyer passed through to Newport last Friday evening for an outing at the beach.

Wm. Whitney returned the first of the week from an extended visit in the East and is visiting his sister, Mrs. George Walker, and family.

Miss Margaret Hart had John Bissett arrested Monday, alleging that he struck her on the street Sunday evening. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty with a request that Judge Harris reprimand both parties.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carey crawled under their house Tuesday evening and found some paint, which he proceeded to eat, it making him deathly sick. Dr. Tharp was called and soon relieved the youngster, who is getting along all right.

Mrs. Mary J. (Briggs) Needham died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Stony Wells, at Mill City August 2d. Mrs. Needham was 62 years of age and was the mother of eight children, all of whom survive her. Mrs. Needham's parents were Oregon pioneers crossing the plains in 1844.

O. B. Hollingsworth, the undertaker, has ordered a new hearse which he expects to arrive on the freight this evening. While none of us are especially anxious to take a ride in the vehicle, still it will fill a long felt want in Lincoln county, and Mr. Hollingsworth is to be commended upon his enterprise in securing it.

### James Brown Accidentally Shot

James Brown, who lives on the old Kobielecki place down the Siletz river, accidentally shot himself Wednesday morning with a 22 rifle. The bullet struck him in the left breast and ranged upward toward the collar bone, inflicting a very bad wound. A doctor was immediately summoned from the Agency and hopes are entertained for his recovery.

### Surprise Given Mr. Rancourt

Last Tuesday was Leon Rancourt's eighty-third birthday, which passed off quietly until about nine o'clock, just as Mr. and Mrs. Rancourt were preparing to retire, some fifteen neighbors and old friends swooped down upon them, bringing well filled baskets of eats with them. After a couple of hours spent in visiting and feasting the guests repaired to their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Rancourt have been married fifty-nine years and are both hale and hearty and we hope will celebrate many more birthdays.

### What About It?

The Valley and Portland creameries are putting up a hard fight to put the Nashville and Toledo creameries out of business. Valley creameries, we are informed, are offering some two cents above the market price for Lincoln county cream and are selling butter here in Lincoln county some two or three cents below market quotations.

The reason for this is easy to see. Once they can put these home creameries out of business they can have things their own way again in the handling of the cream produced in these districts.

The point is, are the cream producers of this section going to be roped in by bait offered, or are they going to stay with their home institutions?

### FOR SALE.

A good, young team, 6 and 7 years, weight about 1200, well matched. Wagon and harness. Ira A. Miller, Newport, Or.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stout, August 3, 1914, a daughter

Myrtle Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lane, is reported on the sick list.

Mrs. Bruner is suffering from a case of blood poisoning and is under the care of Dr. Tharp.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stout, who are staying at the Hill ranch north of town, fell off a bed and ran a large nail into his nose this week. He was lying on the bed playing with some nails when the accident happened. He is getting along as well as could be expected.

Miss Jennie Booth entertained a few of her friends at her home in this city last Friday evening, in honor of her guests, Miss Marie Howell of Albany and Miss Ada Orelaman of Sutherlin. The evening was spent in playing "500" and at 12 o'clock a lunch was served, after which all danced for an hour. A most pleasant time was spent by all.

The steamer Bandon from San Francisco and the schooner Mirene from Portland arrived in this port Monday afternoon. The Bandon brought in considerable general freight for local merchants and the household effects of Frank Falcon, who returned from Oakland. The Mirene also brought general merchandise for Toledo merchants. The Bandon is now at the Toledo Lumber company's docks loading lumber. The sight of two ships from the big cities on the south and on the north of us here at the same time was a mighty pleasing sight to the people of this Yaquina bay country. It has been but a very few months since we could not get a ship of any kind in here, owing principally to the adverse reports in circulation regarding the entrance to Yaquina bay. Now we have vessels in considerable of the time discharging or receiving freights. Surely Yaquina bay and river are coming to the front.

### Otter Rock Has Postoffice

The Otter Rock postoffice has been established and mail was received there August 1st. T. H. Horning is the postmaster. A daily mail service is inaugurated for the months of July, August and September, and three times a week during the remaining nine months of the year. This will be a great convenience to the hundreds of people who visit this beautiful resort each year, and also to the residents of the place and surrounding country. Otter Rock is destined to become one of the finest resorts on the Pacific coast. Nature has been very lavish with the place making it an ideal spot for a place of recreation, and thousands will visit there annually. Otter Rock is bound to grow.

### Report of Coroner's Jury

We, the jury empaneled to inquire into the cause of the death of Mrs. Esther Berry, wife of James K. Berry, find after careful examination of the evidence produced, that Mrs. Berry, came to her death by taking strychnine, administered by her own hand, with suicidal intent. We further find that no blame is attached to anyone.

J. W. Walker, foreman, M. V. Leeper, S. L. Olsted, O. N. Starr, D. L. Chesley, E. E. Everson, F. M. Carter, Coroner.

The following note was found on the table in the room where Mrs. Berry died:

"Dear James: Please deed the two lots over there to mother and father; give the piano and ring I sent away today to Martha; the silver watch to Attie. Esther."

"P. S.—Of course this place is now free from mortgage and is yours, and the little money in the bank."

E. W. Powers of Pioneer was attending Court here this week.

Col. Robert A. Miller of Portland was a Toledo visitor Tuesday.

C. C. McBride of Eddyville has been attending Circuit Court here this week.

John B. Neagles of Eddyville was transacting business here between trains Wednesday.

Dan Hurley came over from Albany by auto Tuesday, for a visit with his parents in this city.

John Margson of Winant returned Tuesday evening from Portland, where he had been for a week.

The Bonboniere is now sole agent for the famous Weatherly Ice Cream in this city. The best Cream on the market.

Miss Ada Orelaman returned to her home at Sutherlin Tuesday, after a visit with her friend, Miss Jennie Booth, in this city.

Mrs. H. Norgaard returned home from Silverton Monday evening, after attending the convention of the Lutheran church. She reports a large attendance and a fine time generally.

A. O. Krogstad is repainting the front of his building, known as the Ofstedahl block. He has just completed putting a new roof on the building and otherwise making improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jones and family are over from Roseburg and will spend a month at their Summer cottage at Otter Rock. Mr. Jones has been in Toledo attending Court this week.

Donald Stewart and Herbert Jackson went over into the Drift creek country Saturday evening to try their skill at the deer. They succeeded in bagging two, Mr. Jackson being the lucky one with the gun.

George W. Pearmine, a fruit-grower of Salem, while on an outing died at Taft, at the mouth of Siletz river, the first of the week. He and another man were walking from Newport to Tillamook, and when they reached Taft, Mr. Pearmine suddenly became ill and died. Heart failure was given as the cause of death. The body was shipped to Salem for burial.